Year	No. of Escapees
2003	640
2004	569
2005	635

(b) and (c) "Prisons" is a state subject under List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution and Prison Administrations is the responsibility of the respective State Governments. No such data is maintained centrally.

Steps to contain terrorist activities

2511. DR. K. MALAISAMY:
SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of concrete evidence of Pakistan's ISI involvement in the recent Mumbai blasts and in the active nurturing of Foot soldiers and logistics in Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka regions, what concrete steps are envisaged and initiated to curb and control terrorist activities; and

(b) whether there is any time-frame to do away this menace is possible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Government pursues a multi-dimensional approach to deal with terrorist activities and extends support to the States in neutralizing such terrorist activities. The Government has taken measures which *inter-alia*, include strengthening of border management to check infiltration, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, ensuring improved technology, weaponry and equipment for security forces both at the Centre and in the States and undertaking well coordinated intelligence based operations. Besides, steps have also been taken to achieve bilateral and multilateral cooperation to deal with the menace of terrorism, given its global dimensions.

Further, the Government has been consistently taking up the issue of cross-border terrorism with Pakistan in the bilateral mechanisms set up for the purpose.